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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: CHURCH LETTER

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BREMER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER HAND-DELIVERED BY SENATOR
CHURCH'S OFFICE TODAY.

2. QUOTE: I AM WRITING TO ASK THAT YOU DECLASSIFY THE
DOCUMENTS WHICH YOU SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO UNITED STATES COMMIT-
MENTS TO ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

3. OBLIGATIONS TOWARD FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT
PROPERLY TO BE REGARDED AS STATE SECRETS. IT IS ESSENTIAL
THAT THE PUBLIC BE FULLY INFORMED ON THESE MATTERS BEFORE
CONGRESS ACTS ON THE QUESTION OF SENDING AMERICAN
TECHNICIANS TO THE SINAI PENINSULA.

4. AS YOU KNOW, DOCUMENTS PURPORTING TO BE CONFIDENTIAL
UNITED STATES AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE
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PRESS. IT IS INTOLERABLE THAT CONGRESS SHOULD CONSIDER

THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH THE PUBLIC RECORD IN SUCH AN
UNSATISFACTORY STATE. IF AMERICANS ARE GOING TO BE
SUBJECTED TO THE HAZARDS OF SINAI DUTY, THEN THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW EVERYTHING TO WHICH WE HAVE
BEEN OBLIGATED -- ALL THE CONTENTS OF THE PACKAGE --
AND TO KNOW IT OFFICIALLY FROM THE LEADERS WHO COMMITTED
THEM RATHER THAN FROM LEAKS IN THE PRESS.

5. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I TRUST YOU WILL SEE THE
NECESSITY FOR THIS REQUEST AND WILL ACT PROMPTLY TO GRANT
IT. END QUOTE.

6. CHURCH'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TODAY TOLD
JENKINS IN H THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW THE SEN-
ATOR INTENDS TO STATE THAT HE OPPOSES HAVING THE
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TAKE ANY VOTE ON THE
US PROPOSAL FOR SINAI TECHNICIANS UNTIL THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH DECLASSIFIES THE DOCUMENTS. JENKINS POINTED OUT
TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT THAT YOU HAD TESTIFIED
FULLY ON ALL OF THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THREE OTHER
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. CHURCH'S ASSISTANT SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD, BUT THAT THE SENATOR WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE
A POINT AGAINST SECRET DIPLOMACY. INGERSOLL

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